

Approved 3/1/06

**MINUTES**  
*HANOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION*  
**February 15, 2006**

Members/Staff present: James M. Smith, Vice Chairman  
Neal Merritt, Hearing Officer  
Deke Moore, Commissioner  
Laura Horky, Commissioner  
Patrick Gallivan, Conservation Agent  
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Secretary

Members/Staff not present: Stephen T. O'Leary, Chairman

Others present: Attached List

The meeting, which was held in the second floor meeting room at Hanover Town Hall, was called to order at **7:11 PM** by Vice Chairman James M. Smith.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:**

There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **SE 31-062, off Washington Street** (*from 1985*)- request for COC & waiver of late fees (*no work commenced*)  
**VOTE:** JM- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH-yes: **to issue a Certificate of Compliance and waive late fees.**
2. **SE 31-467, Townsend Woods Subdivision-** request for COC  
**VOTE:** JM- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH-yes: **to issue a Certificate of Compliance with conditions** including removal of silt fence, posting of signage for the no-salt areas, education of subdivision homeowners regarding snow removal and detention basin, and consultation with the Town Planner concerning the Declaration of Covenants for the subdivision.
3. **SE 31-847, 65 Honeysuckle Lane-** request to review revised plan for use with future NOI  
**DECISION:** The Commission reviewed a plan dated 1/19/06 showing a revision to the approved 2003 wetland line at 65 Honeysuckle Lane. The Agent reported that in an attempt to clarify the discrepancy between the two lines, a site inspection was conducted and included the Agent, the builder, John Barry, and the wetland consultant who did the most recent delineation at the site. It proved difficult to ascertain which delineation line should be used. He also noted that a follow-up call was placed to the original wetland consultant. Based upon a comparison of the approved plans of record for SE 31-780, SE 31-791, SE 31-847, the As-Built Plan for SE 31-847, and the plan submitted to accompany a Notice of Intent dated 1/19/06, the Commission decided **to require a new review of the wetland line by an independent wetland consultant.** The property owner, Peter DelPrete, and the Commission agreed upon using Ivas Environmental. It was noted that the current Notice of Intent which includes the 1/19/06 plan, is on hold, until the Commission reviews the Environmental Letter Report to be received from Ivas Environmental.

4. **1000 Main Street-** request for decision on filing - removal of trees within the buffer zone to a pond  
**VOTE:** JM- yes; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH-yes: **to allow the removal of five mature pine trees with the condition that the trees be replaced with five trees**, size, type and location of planting to be determined by the Conservation Agent in conjunction with one of the three certified Arborists who reviewed the site.
5. **North River Protective Order v.s. WPA Rivers Protection Act** re: RFA/No River Corridor  
The Agent updated the Commission on this topic including comments from the Planning Board, North River Commission, North and South Rivers Watershed Association, and Town Counsel. It is the consensus of all, that Riverfront Area shall be included on all plans if applicable, including those plans for work on parcels within the North River Corridor. Therefore, all future plans submitted to the Commission shall show both the 300' North River Corridor and the Riverfront Area. Further, that the Riverfront Area may not be included in building or activity calculations for any projects adjacent to these areas.

**OPEN SPACE UPDATE:** Commissioner Laura Horky updated the Commission on current Open Space topics including Eagle Scout projects for the mapping of the Willow Street parcel and Clark Bog area. Also discussed was the upcoming walk on the Colby Phillips property and the bridge/ramp project on this site.

Although not on the agenda, Commissioner Deke Moore raised concerns and questions about the current hunting policy on town owned parcels. After a brief procedural discussion, he motioned that the Commission shall allow hunting on all town owned properties large enough to sustain hunting and only including those parcels under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Commissioner Neal Merritt made a second to this motion. Commissioner Horky stated that she did not have enough information on the topic and would abstain from the vote. Signage and other posting questions arose in a brief discussion.

**VOTE:** JM- no; NM- yes; DM- yes; LH- abstain: to allow hunting on all town owned properties large enough to sustain hunting and only including those parcels under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- ☒ Approval of Minutes for 2/1/06 meeting- approved.
- ☒ Sign Bills- signed.
- ☒ Review Correspondence - reviewed.
- ☒ BL 05-31-02, 111 Whiting Street- Blanket Determination of Applicability for Test Pits - issued.
- ☒ FY'07 Budget joint meeting with the Advisory Committee- 2/22/06 @ 7:00 PM- announced.
- ☒ Conservation Staff Report- The staff reported on ongoing issues and meetings with an update on minor administrative topics. The Agent also spoke in favor of taking on the monitoring of a habitat area for a threatened species that lies within a proposed subdivision, if the project is approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted, Sandra D. MacFarlane, Conservation Commission Secretary